



REDEFINING GREATNESS  
LUKE 7:16-6:28 (ESV)

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"I tell you, among those born of women **none is greater than John**" - Jesus

WHO IS JOHN?

- Not John Mark the Evangelist
- Not John the Apostle
- John the **BAPTIZER/BAPTIST**

LUKE 1:13-17

But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. 14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, 15 for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. 16 And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, 17 and he will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

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JOHN'S QUESTION FOR JESUS

16 Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!" 17 And this report about Him (Jesus) spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

18 The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, 19 calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" 20 And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'"

21 In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight.

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22 And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard:

1. The blind **receive their sight**, (Isaiah 35:5a)
2. The lame **walk**, (Isaiah 35:6)
3. Lepers are **cleansed**, (2 Kings 5)
4. The deaf **hear**, (Isaiah 35:6)
5. The dead are **raised up**,
6. The poor have **good news** preached to them. (Isaiah 61:1)
7. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me. (Isaiah 8:14)

### WHAT MADE JOHN GREAT?

#### JOHN 3:27-30

27 John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. 28 You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before Him.' 29 The one who has the bride is the Bridegroom. The friend of the Bridegroom, who stands and hears Him, rejoices greatly at the Bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. 30 **He must increase, but I must decrease.**"

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#### LUKE 7:24-28

24 When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 25 What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. 26 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 27 This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you."

28 I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

### HOW CAN WE LIVE LIVES OF GREATNESS?

#### LIVE A TRINITARIAN LIFE

1. **MODELED** ON JESUS CHRIST
2. **EMPOWERED** BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
3. **YIELDED** TO THE FATHER'S WILL

BIG, BOLD, PASSIONATE

&

FULL OF HUMILITY